



**Eugene Cornelius, Jr.**  
**District Director**  
**Washington Metropolitan Area District Office**  
**U.S. Small Business Administration**

Mr. Cornelius was appointed as the Washington Metropolitan Area District Office's Director in February, 2008. As District Director, he is responsible for the administration and implementation of the Agency's various lending, business development, and technical assistance programs in support of metropolitan Washington DC's small business community. Mr. Cornelius has oversight of SBA's largest district office 8(a) portfolio (1,700 + firms); a loan portfolio of 4,626 loans totaling in excess of \$698 million; one small business development center (SBDC) network in Washington, D.C. and input into the oversight of the networks serving Maryland and Virginia; and four active Micro Loan Intermediaries.

Mr. Cornelius has served the SBA in numerous capacities prior to this appointment beginning in 1999 as the District Director for the Michigan District Office. After graduating from the Senior Executive Service Training Program in 2002, he was named as the Assistant Administrator for Administration in SBA's national headquarters. Mr. Cornelius also served as the Associate Administrator for 8(a) Business Development in SBA's national headquarters. In 2004, he was appointed as SBA's Louisiana District Director where he served as the Agency's point of contact during the Katrina hurricane disaster and recovery.

Before joining SBA, Mr. Cornelius was the Director of Business Services for the Los Angeles Community College District in California, the largest community college system in the United States. He was also the Senior Administrative Officer for the city of Redondo Beach, California, where he worked on economic development and urban planning, and was responsible for Human Resources, Labor Relations, and Finance.

A Chicago native, Mr. Cornelius holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Public Administration. He also holds three professional designations in Economic Development, Urban Planning and Development, and Congressional Affairs. Mr. Cornelius is a nationally certified Associate Risk Manager (ARM).